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SUBJECT: UN SEMINAR ON STATUS OF WOMEN AND FAMILY

PLANNING JOGJAKARTA JUNE 20-30 CONCLUSIONS

SUMMARY: PARTICIPANTS CONCLUDED VITAL LINK EXISTS BETWEEN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND STATUS OF WOMEN AND THAT CURRENT TRENDS IN POPULATION GROWTH SIZE, COMPOSITION IN ECAFE REGION HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND STATUS OF WOMEN. DESPITE EFFORTS TO INCREASE QUANTITY QUALITY OF EDUCATION FACILITIES, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOOD PRODUCTION AND HOUSING RAPID POPULATION GROWTH THREATENS ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN. SO LONG AS WOMEN DENIED EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES ESPECIALLY IN EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT CONTINUED HIGH FERTILITY

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RATES CAN BE ANTICIPATED FOR ECAFE REGION.

1. EIGHTEEN ECAFE COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED BY DISTINGUISHED GROUP WOMEN LEADERS INCLUDING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, WOMEN OCCUPYING HIGH GOVERNMENT POSITIONS IN FAMILY PLANNING, SOCIAL WELFARE, HEALTH EDUCATION, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENT INCLUDING AFGHANISTAN, AUSTRALIA, HONG KONG, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, INDIA, IRAN, KHMER REPUBLIC, MALAYSIA, NEPAL, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA, THAILAND, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, WESTERN SOMOA. JAPAN AND PRC ABSENT.

2. U. K., U. S. S. R., U. S. REPRESENTED BY OBSERVER DELEGATE. SOVIET PARTICIPANT RAISA SMIRNOVA HEAD OF RESEARCH FOR SOV. WOMEN'S COMMITTEE AND EXPERT ON ASIAN, AFRICAN WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS, ARRIVED LATE DUE TO VISA DIFFICULTIES WITH GOI.

3. IMPROVED REPRESENTATION BY SPECIALIZED AGENCIES THIS MEETING. (ILO, UNESCO, UNICEF, WHO, FAO AND ECAFE) ALTHOUGH QUALITY ECAFE REPRESENTATION POOR.

4. MEETING CONTRASTED WITH LA SEMIMMR IN THAT PARTICIPANTS DID NOT QUESTION NEED FOR FAMILY PLANNING OR POPULATION CONTROL. DELEGATE ARTICULATE WELL INFORMED. STRONG EMPHASIS PLACED ON FAMILY AND FAMILY LIFE APPEARED TO BE GROUP ANSWER TO PREDOMINANCE ACCORDED STATE ROLE IN INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY LIFE MATTERS BY SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. PHILIPPINE AND INDONESIAN DELEGATIONS MADE OUTSTANDING CONBTRIBUTION TO SEMINAR DISCUSSION.

5. PHILIPPINE DEL, WITH SUPPORT OF INDONESIA, TOOK INITIAL STEPS TO ESTABLISH SEA REGIONAL COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN UNDER ASEAN SPONSORSHIP AND OBTAIN SUPPORT OF 5 SEA COUNTRIES AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. MALAYSIA APPEARS ONLY OBSTACLE AT THIS TIME.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS IN SPECIFIC AREAS AS FOLLOWS:

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DEVELOPMENT: VITAL LINK NOTED BETWEEN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND STATUS OF WOMEN IN THAT WOMEN'S STATUS IS SIGNIFICANT FACTOR INFLUENCING FAMILY SIZE. FAMILY PLANNING IS THEREFORE SIGNIFICANT FACTOR INFLUENCING FAMILY SIZE OFFERING IMPORTANT MEANS OF RAISING STATUS AND ENABLING WOMEN TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE CREATION OF NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR FULL ENJOYMENT BASIC

HUMAN RIGHTS BY
ALL PEOPLE. WOMEN HAVE CRUCIAL ROLE TO
PLAY IN SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS OF ECAFE REGION AND SO LONG
AS THEY ARE DENIED EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, ESPECIALLY IN
EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT, HIGH FERTILITY RATES CAN BE
ANTICIPATED. GOVERNMENTS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES
MUST RECOGNIZE RELATIONSHIP IN FORMATION OF NATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT PLANS, UNDP AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM.

7. FAMILY LAW: CLOSE RELATIONSHIP NOTED BETWEEN LOW
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8. EDUCATION: IN VIEW OF DIRECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
EDUCATIONAL LEVEL AND FAMILY SIZE RECOMMENDED REFORM OF
SCHOOL CURRICULUM TO ENSURE CONTENT RELEVANT TO INDIVI-
DUAL NEEDS AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ATTENTION TO HIGH
RATES OF ILLITERACY, LOW ENROLMENT AND HIGH DROP OUT RATE
FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN, INTEGRATED CURRICULUM AT ALL LEVELS,
INFORMATION ON LEGAL RIGHTS, FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION,
POPULATION DYNAMICS AND CONSEQUENCES OF POPULATION
GROWTH.

9. RURAL WOMEN: NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE

EMPLOYMENT OF RURAL WOMEN OUTSIDE THE HOME, RURAL
INDUSTRIES, TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND
ATTENTION TO PROBLEM OF SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER.

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10. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SECURITY: SO LONG AS PARENTS MUST
DEPEND ON CHILDREN FOR SECURITY, HIGH FERTILITY RATES
WILL CONTINUE AND PARENTS UNLIKELY TO LIMIT FAMILY SIZE
RECOMMENDED CLOSER ATTENTION TO PROBLEM.

11. INFANT MORTALITY AND NUTRITION: HIGH MORTALITY RATES
MOTIVATE PARENTS TO PRODUCE LARGE FAMILIES. SINCE
DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH INADEQUATE CHILD AND MATERNAL
NUTRITION, PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PROGRAMS OF
NUTRITION EDUCATION AND MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE
SERVICES.

12. FAMILY PLANNING: RECOMMENDED REMOVAL OF LEGAL AND
OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON SALE OF CONTRACEPTIVES, DISSEMINATION
OF INFO RE CONTRACEPTIVES; INCREASED WHO RESEARCH ON
AND ATTENTION TO REVERSIBLE STERILIZATION METHODS, MALE
CONTRACEPTIVES AND SUPPORT FOR THERAPEUTIC ABORTIONS;
ALSO REMOVAL OF CONSTRAINTS ON ADMISSION OF WOMEN TO
MEDICAL SCHOOLS, ESPECIALLY OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY,
POPULATION DYNAMICS AND FAMILY PLANNING COURSES.
CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION WILL REPRESENT SUBSTANTIAL
CONTRIBUTION TO PURPOSES OF RAPPATEUR STUDY AND REPORT
FOR INTERNATIONAL POPULATION YEAR.

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